

BUILDING CONTRACTOR ALERT

Be vigilant! Keep construction site safe and free of combustibile materials.



- Limit welding & cutting to cleared areas
- Remove all flammable products & flash fuels
- Maintain the building envelope as a Clear Zone and thin an additional 30-ft to provide adequate Defensible Space
- Do not stack combustibile construction materials in Defensible Space.

Contractors found negligent in maintaining a safe building environment are **responsible for damages via fines and/or criminal citations** for the cost of providing fire protection services and for property loss.

(Ord. 3507, Section H124)

For more information, or to report an unsafe construction site, call Michael Lister, Assistant Fire Marshall, at 480-312-3473.

Thank you for helping to keep Scottsdale one of the safest communities in the United States to live and work.

Extreme Fire Danger

The Fire Danger Level was elevated to Extreme in mid-May this year. The contributing factors are:

- Volume/Moisture of Materials
- Single-Digit Humidity Levels
- Triple-Digit Temperatures
- High Winds

Scottsdale Fire Department

(480) 312-FIRE

Public education information

Home inspections, checklists, station tours, school visits, CPR classes, etc.

(480) 312- 5650

Scottsdale fire hydrant issues



LOW

MODERATE

HIGH

VERY HIGH

EXTREME

Wildland Vegetation & Natural Area Open Space Maintenance Zones

Due to a very rainy winter and spring, Scottsdale Fire Officials are anticipating a significant potential for wildland fires which are fed by dried grasses and flash fuels.



FIRE DANGER



PLEASE BE CAREFUL AND HELP KEEP OUR DESERT BEAUTIFUL FOR EVERYONE

EXTREME

Preventative actions must be taken AND natural area open space (NAOS) must be protected.

This bulletin provides guidance that achieves the dual role of ensuring NAOS protection and also allows for appropriate wild fire prevention.

Keeping you and your property protected in preparation for the Fire Season

Wildland & NAOS Maintenance

Defensible Space Protects Your Home

Homeowners and contractors should create a well-maintained, live vegetation zone to prevent damage to structures in case of wildland fires. This "Defensible Space" acts as a fire break, and should contain only small brush and groundcover to prevent a continuous path of flammable materials leading to inhabited structures.

Specific Preventative Actions Recommended

Maintain a 15-ft zone around your home; thin dead and down vegetation, perennial grasses & overgrown bushes; remove dead branches or branches touching the ground.
Thin another 15-ft for maximum protection.



| Defensible Space | Thin Groundcover & Trim Overhang | Thin & Remove Dead/Down | Total to Maintain |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Existing Homes | 15' ¹ | 15' | 30' |
| Walls (on-lot & perimeter) | 5' | 15' | 20' |
| Roadways | 10' | 20' | 30' |
| Construction Sites | Bldg Env | 30' ² | Varies |

1. The vegetation maintenance areas may be increased by the Fire Marshal (up to 100-ft) based upon terrain to provide an adequate Defensible Space.
2. Do not stack wood or other flammable materials within the Defensible Space outside the building envelope; remove combustible construction materials.

Top Tips for Fire Prevention

- ☐ Consistently monitor Defensible Space for maximum fire prevention (see chart at left).
- ☐ Remove flash fuels such as dead grass (Do NOT remove live native plants from NAOS).
- ☐ Trim trees within the 30-ft Defensible Space so the canopy is not touching the ground; remove any dead branches or leaves.
- ☐ Trim grass and foliage around trees.
- ☐ Keep gutters, eaves and roof clear of leaves and other debris.
- ☐ Do not stack wood or other flammable materials within the 30-ft Defensible Space.
- ☐ Keep a rolled up garden hose with a nozzle attached to an outside hose valve connection.
- ☐ No smoking allowed in NAOS.



Remove the highly flammable overgrown pockets of brittlebush.

Maintaining roadway and wash vegetation is critical for containing fires. The Landscape Maintenance Agreement lists the responsible party for roadway landscaping.



Schedule a wildland safety inspection by calling the Scottsdale Fire Department at 480-312-FIRE.

HOA groups may request safety pamphlets and additional resources (checklists, etc).